Interview Questions

Question Type	Description/Uses	Examples
Open Question	 Encourages the flow of information. Requires more complex answers than just "yes" or "no." Often begins with who, what, when, where, why, or how. 	 What happens when the ALERT ECL comes in? How would the TCP be set up? What factors do you consider when authorizing excess exposure?
Closed Question	 Controls the flow of information. Is direct and focused. Calls for straight and simple answers. 	 What time was the facility activated? What notifications have been made?
Hypothetical Question	 Poses a "What if" scenario. Not designed to stump the players. Useful in walk-throughs and simulations. 	 What would you do if there was a traffic accident on the major evacuation route? What would you do if a person showed up at the CCC and did not have evidence of being monitored for contamination?
Probing Question	 Used for follow-up, to draw out additional information. Aims for depth rather than breadth. 	 [Following the answer to an open question] Can you give me some examples of situations where that might occur? What would you do next?
Leading Question	 May indicate a preferred answer. No place in REP evaluations. 	 Your plan says you have 25 dosimeters—is that right? I would call the schools now, wouldn't you? The order came in to issue KI a few minutes ago. Have you issued the KI yet?